

WORD ON THE STRIET

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THE FIRST WORD

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As 2007 winds to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the faculty, staff, and trainees of the Department of Medicine for their outstanding efforts in making the DoM a pleasant and desirable place to work each

day. I realize the road we walk as a department is occasionally rocky, but as we move through the early stages of our second century at UVa, I am confident that we are laying groundwork now that will help us reach an even greater level of excellence in the future.



Although December is a shorter work month due to the holidays, there are still many noteworthy things going on in the Department:

- Keith Johnson, our unofficial "Chief Morale Officer" is coordinating a DoM-wide holiday charity drive to support the Palliative Care unit and the UMA clinic. Both

these offices have underserved patients that can use our assistance. It is important to remember that our patients often need assistance beyond the realm of medicine, and I encourage everyone to help out how they can. See page 2 for more details.

- Residency recruitment will continue through the end of January. We continue to draw top-caliber applicants, and I think all faculty would benefit from the opportunity to meet and chat with our future housestaff. January recruitment dates are on page 4.

Please contact Diane Farineau to sign up for interview slots.

- The Department's Intranet has had a facelift over the last few months. Under the

capable guidance of Judy Zang, the DoM Intranet has been redesigned not only to give it a more pleasing look, but—most importantly—to make essential information easier to find. Judy is looking for feedback from all levels of the DoM, and I hope everyone will take a few minutes to look at the early stages of her work with the Intranet. The Intranet can become an essential resource to the Department if properly developed, and your feedback is a key component in that process.

Best wishes to everyone for a relaxing holiday season and a joyful new year. Stay warm!

DATES AND DEADLINES

JANUARY 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 24, 28

- Residency Recruitment Dates

FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Excellence in Mentoring Award Deadline

FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Current Approaches in Cancer Therapy Symposium

APRIL 28, 2008

Carey, Marshall, Thorner Scholars' Day

MAY 30, 2008

DoM Research Day

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

DECEMBER 25—NO MGR

JANUARY 1—NO MGR

JANUARY 8

RICK SILVER—VISITING

JANUARY 15

RICHARD JOHNSON—VISITING

JANUARY 22

PERRY PICKHARDT—VISITING

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BESS WILDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE HOLIDAY OF CARING



It is the time of year where we open our hearts and reach out to help others in our community. This year the Department of Medicine would like to give back to those who are most in need. Listed below are two charitable causes that need our help. The holidays can be hard for everyone, but

for some people just the simple things can make such a difference. Anything you can contribute will make a significant difference.

1. Adopt the UMA Clinic

The Clinic is in need of the following:

- Plants for the lobby
- Magazines—current issues that are new or slightly used OR a subscription for the clinic.
- Food cards for patients who are in need of groceries
- Wal-Mart/CVS gift cards for prescriptions
- Gas Cards

2. Patients of the Palliative Care Unit

- Red towels
- Phone cards (to talk with family members that live far away)
- Photo albums

Please have all gifts or donations to Keith Johnson (room 6554, 6th floor, Outpatient Clinics West) no later than Thursday, December 20th @ noon.



October 2007 marked the latest update to the Department of Medicine Administration Intranet. As part of the department's web redesign initiative, I was asked to reconstruct the Medicine Intranet. The focus of this current effort is on cleaner navigation, updating information and standardizing web page design, with an end goal of providing the best possible product to suit the needs of the Department. The Intranet redesign is a fluid process, and the improvement of content management is ongoing. Feedback is essential to this process, and I invite everyone in the Department to tour the new Intranet site (<https://deptmedicine.eservices.virginia.edu/MIweb>) and send me their thoughts on how the site can be shaped into the most useful tool possible. With your help, the Intranet can be developed into a departmental data repository that simplifies a variety of day-to-day operations.

One important aspect of web content management is the information architecture. Forming an architecture using standard departmental acronyms will simplify navigating a site's information. The second important element with content management is information maintenance. Web pages that have broken links, outdated information or send you to the "page not found" error (a common web phenomenon known as "link rot") are frustrating to the user and do not reflect well upon the Department. Unless a web page is considered static (non-changing), it will need to be updated as organizational changes take place. Keeping our web information current adds value and saves time within our daily processes.

A department web redesign team has recently been formed to enhance our web presence on both the Internet and Intranet sites. If you would like to participate or have any questions regarding the web redesign initiative, please contact Judy Zang (DoM Intranet) or David Boyd (DoM Webmaster)

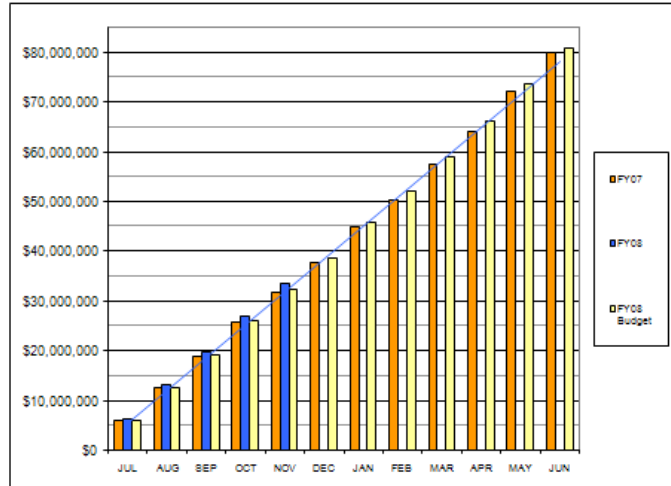
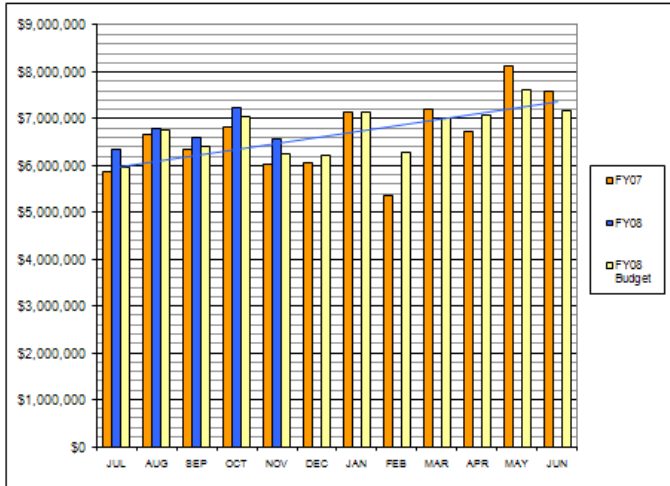
Below are the Charges and Collections graphs for November, 2007. Charges were 5 % above budget.

MONTHLY COMPARISON

	FY07	FY08	%Δ	FY08 Budget	Variance to Budget	%Δ
JUL	\$5,851,458	\$6,335,053	8%	\$5,949,448	\$385,605	6.5%
AUG	6,648,370	6,775,354	2%	6,734,458	\$40,896	0.6%
SEP	6,330,335	6,597,783	4%	6,412,767	\$185,016	2.9%
OCT	6,813,594	7,223,652	6%	7,020,101	\$203,550	2.9%
NOV	6,025,876	6,564,865	9%	6,243,373	321,492	5%
DEC	6,046,370			6,219,174		
JAN	7,128,806			7,128,409		
FEB	5,366,035			6,265,316		
MAR	7,195,881			7,010,367		
APR	6,731,562			7,080,157		
MAY	8,119,214			7,619,024		
JUN	7,580,835			7,147,892		

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

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JUL	\$5,851,458	\$6,335,053	8%	\$5,949,448	\$385,605	6.5%
AUG	12,500,428	13,110,407	5%	12,683,306	\$426,501	3.4%
SEP	18,830,763	19,708,190	5%	18,096,673	\$611,517	3.2%
OCT	25,644,357	26,931,842	5%	26,116,774	\$815,067	3.1%
NOV	31,670,233	33,496,706	6%	32,360,148	\$1,136,559	3.5%
DEC	37,716,803			38,579,322		
JAN	44,845,409			45,707,730		
FEB	50,211,444			51,973,047		
MAR	57,407,325			58,983,413		
APR	64,138,887			66,063,570		
MAY	72,258,101			73,682,594		
JUN	79,838,936			80,830,486		



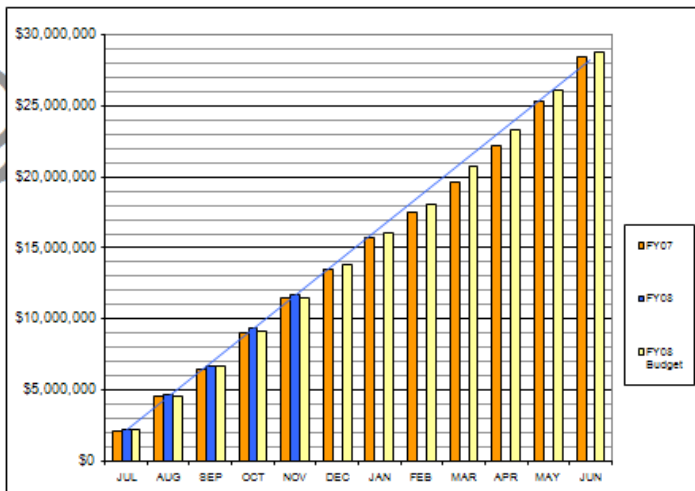
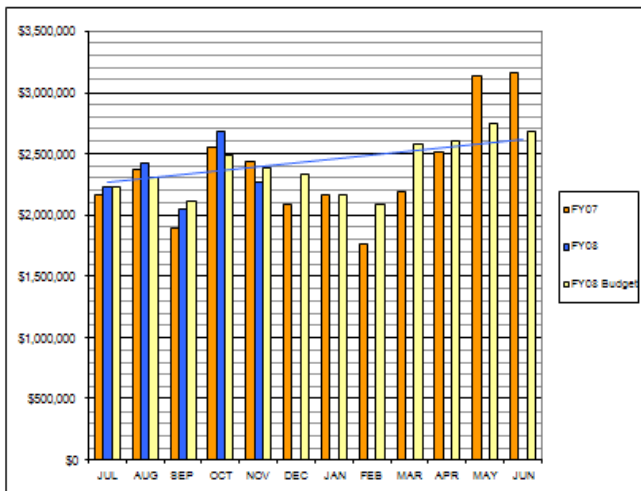
Collections were 5% below budget.

MONTHLY COMPARISON

	FY07	FY08	%Δ	FY08 Budget	Variance to Budget	%Δ
JUL	\$2,161,252	\$2,231,277	3%	\$2,226,213	\$5,064	0.2%
AUG	2,371,030	2,425,358	2%	2,306,907	\$118,451	5.1%
SEP	1,890,078	2,052,072	9%	2,115,559	-\$63,487	-3.0%
OCT	2,557,286	2,682,744	5%	2,489,178	\$193,566	7.8%
NOV	2,439,649	2,262,626	-7%	2,379,863	-\$117,237	-5%
DEC	2,092,441			2,335,238		
JAN	2,163,902			2,160,622		
FEB	1,759,901			2,089,261		
MAR	2,194,306			2,575,957		
APR	2,513,031			2,603,869		
MAY	3,131,764			2,748,586		
JUN	3,162,999			2,678,277		

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JUL	\$2,161,252	\$2,231,277	3%	\$2,226,213	\$5,064	0.2%
AUG	4,532,282	4,656,635	3%	4,533,120	\$123,515	2.7%
SEP	6,422,360	6,708,707	4%	6,648,679	\$60,028	0.9%
OCT	8,979,646	9,391,451	5%	9,137,857	\$253,594	2.7%
NOV	11,419,295	11,654,077	2%	11,517,720	\$136,357	1.2%
DEC	13,511,736			13,852,958		
JAN	15,681,638			16,013,580		
FEB	17,441,539			18,102,841		
MAR	19,635,845			20,678,798		
APR	22,148,876			23,282,667		
MAY	25,280,640			26,031,253		
JUN	28,443,639			28,709,530		



We are pleased to request nominations for the annual DoM Excellence in Mentoring Awards.

There were five awardees in 2007, with awards totaling \$25,000.

Qualifications: Demonstrated excellence and dedication in helping junior faculty members and trainees succeed. Open to all full-time faculty in the DoM (tenured, tenure-track or non-tenure track).

Nomination packets for the Excellence in Mentoring Award must include the following information (within the associated page limit), in this order:

- Brief executive summary from nominator or Division chief signed, noting the highlights of the nomination packet and making the case for selecting this nominee (1 page)
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee (2 pages)
- Five one-page letters of support in this order: 1 from the nominator, 4 from mentees of the nominee, offering explicit examples of how the mentoring influenced their professional life.

Deadline: February 1, 2008.

These nomination packets are limited to 9 pages in Times New Roman 12-point font with MS Word default margins of 1" top/bottom and 1.25" left/right. Twelve copies of the nomination packet should be delivered to Lisa Cook (room 6562, 6th floor, Outpatient Clinics West).

Thank you in advance for your help in nominating your fellow faculty members and enabling the Department to recognize our outstanding mentors.

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

RESIDENCY RECRUITMENT DATES:

- January 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 24, 28

We are now halfway through our interview season, and have had an outstanding group of applicants. It is especially important that we have faculty from each division available each day so we can match students who have subspecialty interests with appropriate interviewers. If you have not yet signed up for interview days, please contact Diane Farineau. ☐

ACGME

The DoM will be well represented at the ACGME meeting in February. The following DoM faculty and staff have had abstracts accepted for presentation:

- John D Voss, Joel M Schectman (Medicine), John M Jackson, Vladimir Goodkovsky, Ye Chen (Medical Education), Bonnie Jerome D'Emilia (School of Nursing): *Creating Competency-based Curricula: Innovative Tools for Design, Organization and Implementation*
- Diane Farineau: *Meet the Neighbors! Pre-orientation E-newsletter Series for the Interns*
- Diane Farineau: *What's Next? A Career Development Curriculum for Medicine Residents*
- Terri Ellison, MS; Joan Cichon, BS; Helen-Marie Molnar, MSN, RN, ACNP-CS; Barbara Wiggins, Pharm.D., BCPS (AQ Cardiology), CLS, FAHA; Ye Chen, MS; John Jackson, MD; Vladimir Goodkovsky, PhD, Larry Gimple, MD; John M. Dent, MD: *Building a Community of Learners: Education Collaboration in the Coronary Care Unit and Beyond*
- Sally Miller: *Writing the Book on Program Effectiveness and Performance Improvement*

2008 CURRENT APPROACHES IN CANCER THERAPY:
WHERE DO WE STAND IN PERSONALIZING CANCER THERAPY?

Friday, February 22, 2008

Jordan Hall Conference Center

Charlottesville

Presented by:
the Divisions of Hematology/Oncology and Surgical Oncology
and the Department of Radiation Oncology

Featured Guest Speakers:

Tona M. Gilmer, PhD
Global Director, Biological Sciences
Oncology Translational Research,
GlaxoSmithKline

Paul M. Harari, MD
Chair, Department of Human Oncology,
University of Wisconsin

Daniel Von Hoff, MD
Director, Translational Genomics Research
Institute
Phoenix, Arizona

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NEWS, PUBLICATIONS, AND GRANTS

ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY
NEWS

- Dr. Woodfolk recently served as a member of an NIH/NIAID Special Emphasis Panel for the NIH Tetramer Facility. Dr. Woodfolk has also been invited to serve as a consultant to the Board of Scientific Counselors for review of the NIH/NIEHS Laboratory of Respiratory Biology. In addition, she has been appointed as a Scientific Advisory Group member for an NIH/NIAID contract ("Allergen and T cell reagent resources for the study of allergic diseases") awarded to the laboratories of Alessandro Sette, La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology, and William Kwok, Benaroya Research Institute.

PUBLICATIONS

- Reefer AJ, Satinover SM, Solga MD, Lannigan JA, Nguyen JT, Wilson BB, Woodfolk JA. Analysis of CD25hiCD4+ "regulatory" T cell subtypes in atopic dermatitis reveals a novel Th2-like population. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*, 2008: In press.

ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- "TGF- β promotes prostate cancer bone metastases and increases the expression of pro-osteolytic genes and of the TGF- β signaling regulator PMEPA1." Oral presentation by Pierrick Fournier, Ph.D., Postdoc Fellow of Endocrinology (authors: P Fournier, GA Clines, JM Chirgwin, TA Guise), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- "The role of adrenomedullin in breast cancer bone metastasis." Oral presentation by Valerie Siclari, graduate student of Endocrinology (authors: VA Siclari, KS Mohammad, M Niewolna, C McKenna, H Walton, LL Wessner, TA Guise, JM Chirgwin), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- "Hypoxia in bone metastases increases TGF- β signaling and prometastatic CSCR4 and VEGF." Oral presentation by John M. Chirgwin, Ph.D., Professor of Internal Medicine (authors: JM Chirgwin, L Kingsley, P Fournier, TA Guise), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- "Combined transforming growth factor β receptor 1 kinase inhibitor and bisphosphonates are additive to reduce breast cancer bone metastases." Oral presentation by Khalid S. Mohammad, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Endocrinology (authors: KS Mohammad, EG Stebbins, L Kingsley, P Fournier, M Niewolna, CR McKenna, X Peng, LS Higgins, DH Wong, TA Guise), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- "Targeting adrenomedullin for treatment of prostate cancer bone metastasis." Oral presentation by Adebisola A. Alagbala, Ph.D., Postdoc Fellow of Endocrinology (authors: AA Alagbala, JM Chirgwin, TA Guise), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- "Halofuginone inhibition of TGF- β signaling: Treatment for bone metastases." Oral presentation by Patricia Juárez, Ph.D., Postdoc Fellow of Endocrinology (authors: P Juárez, JM Chirgwin, TA Guise), at the 25th Annual American Cancer Society Conference: Virginia Cancer Researchers Seminar, Richmond, VA, November 2007.

GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY

PUBLICATIONS

- Parrish CR, Green-Pastors J. Nutritional management of gastroparesis in patients with diabetes. *Diabetes Spectrum*. 2007;20(4):231-234.
- Minohara, Y., Boyd, D. K., Hawkins, H.K., Ernst, P.B., Patel, J.A., Crowe, S.E. The effect of the *cag* pathogenicity island (PAI) on binding of *H. pylori* to gastric epithelial cells and the subsequent induction of apoptosis. *Helicobacter* 12:583-590, 2007.
- Makola D, Krenitsky J, Parrish CR. Enteral feeding in acute and chronic pancreatitis. *Gastrointestinal Endosc Clin N Am* 2007;17(4):747-764.
- Berg CL, Gillespie BW, Merion RM et al. Improvement in survival associated with adult-to-adult living donor liver transplantation. *Gastroenterology* 2007;133:1806-1813.

GRANTS

- Dr. Crowe is the recipient of the 2008 American Gastroenterological Association Foundation Funderburg Research Scholar Award in Gastric Biology for her project entitled "Role of Apurinic/Apyrimidinic Endonuclease (APE)-1/Redox Factor (Ref) -1 in Regulation of the Gastric Epithelium: Implications for Gastric Carcinogenesis".

GENERAL MEDICINE, GERIATRICS, AND PALLIATIVE CARE NEWS

- Eugene Corbett gave an invited presentation on "Competencies in Medical Education" in a panel organized by the National Board of Medical Examiners at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges, Nov 7, 2007.
- Eugene Corbett gave an invited commentary on physical examination skills at a Research in Medical Education (RIME) meeting during the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges, November 4, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Plews-Ogan M, May N, Schorling JB, Becker MD, Frankel R, Graham E, Haizlip J, Hoster S, Pollart S, Howell RE. Feeding the good wolf: appreciative inquiry and graduate medical education. *ACGME Bulletin*; Nov 2007: 5-8.

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY NEWS

The following Hematology Oncology faculty are participating in the American Society of Hematology annual meeting in Atlanta from Dec 7-11:

- Michael Douvas, MD - Delivering an oral presentation, Leukemia session : "Development of Inhibitors of the Interaction of AML1 and CBFb for the Treatment of Leukemia"
- John Densmore, MD, PhD - Participating as an Abstract reviewer and Lymphoma Therapy session chair ; providing 4 poster presentations in myeloma and lymphoma sessions; member of Committee on Training, Publications Committee, and member of the Trainee Council ; Speaker, ASH symposium for high school students interested in careers in science.
- B. Gail Macik, MD - Participating in the Training Program Directors' meeting.
- Michael E. Williams, MD - Delivering 2 oral presentations at the Immunotherapy and Myeloma sessions, providing 3 posters in Lymphoma sessions; Speaking at the Meet-the-Professor session on Mantle Cell Lymphoma; Chair of Educational Affairs Committee, member of Executive and Program committees
- Michael E. Williams, MD is serving as co-chair of the First Global Workshop on Mantle Cell Lymphoma, San Juan, PR, Dec 5-6

PUBLICATIONS

- [Kannarkat G, Lasher EE, Schiff D.](#) Neurologic complications of chemotherapy agents. *Curr Opin Neurol.* 2007 Dec;20(6):719-725.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH NEWS

- Dr. Rein has been appointed Vice-Chair of the National Membership Committee for the American College of Physicians.
- December 1 marked the 20th observance of World AIDS Day, a day set aside by the World Health Organization for remembrance of those infected with and/or affected by HIV worldwide. The UVA Infectious Diseases Clinic was involved in several activities related to this event. Dr. Brian Wispelwey, Director of the Clinic, spoke on NBC 29's Live at Five House Call on the worldwide HIV epidemic. Dr. Gregory Townsend spoke for the Valley AIDS Network in Harrisonburg on the theme for this year's event, which was "leadership". In addition, the clinic held 2 HIV testing events in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson Health Department and the AIDS/HIV Services Group. Over 250 individuals were tested and counseled on HIV prevention in these sessions.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Houpt ER, RD Pearson, TL Hall. Three domains of competency in global health education: recommendations for all medical students. *Academic Medicine* 2007;82:222-5.
- Jeronimo SMB, P Duggal, NA Ettinger, ET Nascimento, GR Monteiro, AP Cabral, NN Pontes, HG Lacerda, PV Queiroz, CE Gomes, RD Pearson, JM Blackwell, TH Beaty, ME Wilson. Genetic predisposition to self-curing infection with the protozoan *Leishmania chagasi*: a genome wide scan. *Journal of Infectious Diseases* 2007;196:1261-9.
- Kirchhoff LV, RD Pearson. The emergency of Chagas disease in the United States and Canada. *Current Infectious Disease Reports* 2007;9:347-50.
- "Persistence of *Entamoeba histolytica* infection in CBA mice owes to intestinal IL-4 production and inhibition of protective IFN-gamma" Xiaoti Guo, Suzanne Stroup, Eric Houpt in the *Journal of Mucosal Immunology*

GRANTS

- Dr. Eric Houpt: Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Basic Career Development Award "Role of IL-10 in innate intestinal inflammation in mice", competitively renewed for 3rd year.